



CAPITOL COMMENTS

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Dear Friend,

I hope you and your family have had a restful and happy Easter Weekend! With the primary election behind us, I would like to thank you for your continued support, as well as for your constant communication and feedback. Your thoughts and opinions are always welcome and are very helpful. Since last month's Capitol Comments, my office has responded to 49 more pieces of correspondence. Though we are in the middle of the Interim, committee hearings continue (read more below) as we look at priorities for the 86th Legislative Session- it's only 274 more days away!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron".

Ron Simmons
State Representative
House District 65

CAPITOL NEWS

Transportation Hearing in South Texas

In March, The House Committee on Transportation met with the House Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs in Weslaco, TX to review and discuss the current state of infrastructure at our State's international shipping ports and border ports of entry. These committees met to identify impediments to international trade and to make recommendations for improvements to help facilitate trade and economic growth and must take a balanced approach in their recommendations. Maintaining strong economic growth and international trade ties is of the utmost importance to the State of Texas; simultaneously, maintaining a safe and secure border is paramount to ensuring that Texas citizens' safety is protected. Facilitating legitimate trade with our neighboring countries while preventing the flow of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and criminal aliens into our country is essential in protecting the Texas economy. We must remain vigilant in ensuring the Texas border and its ports are secure as possible. I look forward to working with my fellow members of the committees to help ensure Texas trade remains the strongest and safest in the country.

Education Commission of the States

I am honored to have recently be appointed to the Texas delegation to the Education Commission of the States by Governor Abbott. The Commission was founded as the result of an interstate compact approved by Congress and works with leading educators and policy makers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to create opportunities for state policymakers to learn from one another. As the son of two public school teachers, I have long known the importance of education throughout one's life and am proud to have championed those values. I look forward to working with other members of the Texas delegation and fellow members across our county to make education experiences in Texas the best in the nation.

DISTRICT NEWS

Fire Control District Meeting and Election

The City of Lewisville and the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District have scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, April 10, 6 p.m., at Queen Margaret Community Center, 2501 Queen Margaret Drive. City officials will be present to answer questions about the Fire Control District special election, future annexation of Castle Hills, and other city-related topics. The Lewisville Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District (Fire Control District) has called a special election for Saturday, May 5, in which Castle Hills residents will decide whether to join the district. **I was proud to author and pass**

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Special Olympic Athletes Go for the Gold

C-FB ISD was once again the host of the annual Special Olympics games at Standridge Stadium. Members of the C-FB ISD All Stars competed against athletes from other surrounding districts in various track and field events. In attendance were Carrollton Mayor Pro Tem Glen Blanscet, Congressman Kenny Marchant, C-FB Superintendent Dr. Bobby Burns, and Miss Texas Margana Wood. Volunteers from C-FB ISD high schools and middle schools assisted in record keeping and assisting athletes and officials. The motto for Special Olympics is "Let me win. If I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

legislation to make this possible in 2015.



Lewisville High School to Host Spring Craft Show

Lewisville High School will be hosting their annual Spring Craft Show at the high school on April 14 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. There are options to participate or just shop, so be sure and go check it out!



Carrollton Police Department Honored Statewide

The Carrollton Police Department was recognized for Best Practices by the Texas Police Chiefs Association at the annual conference recognition luncheon held on March 28 at the Galveston Island Convention Center. This is the third time CPD has been recognized and proven to be in compliance with 166 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices as designated by the TPCA. Carrollton is only one of 14 cities recognized for the third time.



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